

# New-York Tribune.

THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

-EMERY TO MAKE A REPORT.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING THE WATER TROUBLE.

SUGGESTIONS TO BE MADE TO COMMISSIONER WILLIS AS TO THE BEST METHOD OF RESTORING THE WATER TO ITS FORMER PURITY — NO DISEASE-BREEDING BACTERIA FOUND.

The Health Department, whose duty it is to keep the Department of City Works informed as to the condition of the city's water supply and advise as to what is the best course to pursue to improve the condition of the water when it falls below the average, will within a day or so make an exhaustive report as to the causes of the bad odor and taste of the water, and suggest to the City Works Department a method of purifying the water supply.

The Tribune is able to state that Dr. Emery's report will declare the city's water not unwholesome at present, notwithstanding the odor, but that at any time it may develop disease germs if not at once attended to. Dr. Emery will recommend that certain of the ponds from which the city's water comes be drained, thoroughly cleaned of the greenish scum which covers, to a large extent, their bottoms and sides, and gravelled. In addition, he will probably recommend that the open trench which conveys water from London's pond, beyond Hempstead, along the edge of the village of Hempstead to the pumping station, be replaced by a pipe which will keep from the water in passage the unwholesome drainage of the village.

Two parties from the Health Department went on a tour of inspection out on Long Island on Tuesday. Dr. E. H. Wilson, who has charge of the bacteriological department, recently made a report to Commissioner Emery recommending that the water supply receive immediate attention. On Monday Dr. Emery called a consultation of the heads of the various bureaus. Professor Elias H. Bartley, bacteriologist of the Long Island College Hospital, attended the meeting. It was there estimated that there are no more cases of typhoid now than at this time last year. Mayor Wurster had previously informed Commissioner Emery that he wished the water question to have immediate attention, and, in spite of the lack of funds in his department, it was decided at Monday's conference to begin an investigation.

BOTHERED BY THE TRENCH.

Dr. Wilson and Chief Chemist Volkering went to Hempstead and examined the source of the Hempstead's water supply, which is London's pond.

The pond is fairly clean, except that it contains more than the usual diatoms and algae, microscopic vegetable growths which are chiefly responsible for the bad odor of the water. The trench which conveys the water past the village of Hempstead is a problem by which the City Works Department has been puzzled for some time, and which should have a speedy solution. Not only the gas works of the village, but stables, outhouses and drains are within a few feet of this trench for some distance. A six-inch iron pipe, which carries the waste water from a block of buildings, pours into the trench. The refuse from the gas works percolates into the trench and is plainly discernible on the surface of the running water.

In the other party were Dr. Bartley, Sanitary Engineer Locke and Assistant Engineer Bowles. They went to Springfield and examined the pond at that point. This pond has always been in a bad condition, and half of it was cleaned out a year ago. The pond is now bordered with a weedy water fungus which emits a foul odor. The water is more or less full of greenish ooze. Dr. Bartley said that there was far greater fear of an epidemic of malarial fever than of typhoid fever.

Dr. Wilson thinks it advisable to establish a laboratory on the watershed, so that the condition of the sources of supply may be constantly watched.

HARMLESS, BUT ANNOYING.

The Health Department has been issuing weekly for upward of a year bacteriological and chemical analyses of the water, and the City Works Department has been in a condition to know the exact state of the water at any time. The bacteriological examinations recently show that there is some increase in the number of bacteria in a cubic centimeter, but that these bacteria are of a harmless order. Dr. Wilson has not been able to find any disease-breeding bacteria. Chemical analyses show that there is no organic matter than usual, but this organic matter is not necessarily of a harmful nature. The Belgians found that the bath had the bill and made a disturbance, and were all arrested. When taken to the police station they gave their names as Daniel Abrahams of No. 28 Fifth-ave., Brooklyn; Bernard Peters, of No. 44 Seventh-ave., Brooklyn; Engelberger, of No. 111 Eighth-ave., Brooklyn, and John Frehan, of No. 32 Seventh-ave., Brooklyn. They were held in custody. Next day they were fined \$5 each, in default of which they were sent to jail. The bather who found the \$20 bill in the water turned it over to Mr. Henderson, who still holds it.

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A REPUBLICAN PICNIC.

THE FEDERAL REPUBLICAN CLUB OF KINGS COUNTY AT ULMER PARK.

The Federal Republican Club of Kings County gave its seventeenth annual picnic at Ulmer Park last night, with a good attendance.

The Federal Republican Club of Kings County is the oldest Republican organization on Long Island. On September 1, 1859, it came into existence with a membership only large enough to fill the offices, but each recurring anniversary has brought a large increase in membership as well as usefulness and influence. To-day the club has an enrollment of 23 active members, and its influence is such that it has come to be recognized as an important factor in the politics of this city. The clubhouse, at No. 41 Union-st., is a commodious three-story and basement building, furnished with every convenience for the comfort and pleasure of the members, including billiard and pool rooms and a library containing 450 volumes of carefully selected literature. Regular meetings are held on the second and last Thursday of each month.

Some of those present at the picnic were Jacob B. Clegg, of Brooklyn; George C. Duryea, of Brooklyn; Mr. Ernest Jahn, Henry Perrine, W. B. Draker and his family; Congressman Dennis F. Hurley; Tax Collector R. Ross Appleton, D. P. Watkins, Police Captain Collier, Hon. George Grant, Mr. G. M. Henderson, Mr. 3, three handicaps; Rudolph Flinsch, back, three handicaps; total, twelve.

Meadowbrook—W. C. Eustis, No. 1, three handicaps; H. K. Vingut, No. 2, three handicaps;

BATHED IN STREET ATTIRE.

EXCITED BELGIANS HAD A COSTLY EXPERIENCE AT CONEY ISLAND.

A picnic held in Feltman's Pavilion, at Coney Island, yesterday by the Belgian Benevolent and Protective Association, furnished some excitement. In the afternoon a number of the Belgians visited Henderson's swimming pool. Most of them were content to stand on the platform and see the others as they swam in the water. Daniel Abrahams, one of the party, stood at the edge of the pool with a bill in his hand. A gust of wind blew the bill into the water, and immediately he and three of his friends, without discarding, jumped into the pool in search of the bill. Neither of the four could swim, and while they were spluttering about in the water one of the bathers got possession of the money. The Belgians found that the bather had the bill and made a disturbance, and were all arrested. When taken to the police station they gave their names as Daniel Abrahams of No. 28 Fifth-ave., Brooklyn; Bernard Peters, of No. 44 Seventh-ave., Brooklyn; Engelberger, of No. 111 Eighth-ave., Brooklyn, and John Frehan, of No. 32 Seventh-ave., Brooklyn. They were held in custody. Next day they were fined \$5 each, in default of which they were sent to jail. The bather who found the \$20 bill in the water turned it over to Mr. Henderson, who still holds it.

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AN EMPLOYEE OF THE "CHUTES" INJURED BY THE PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF A BOMB.

The employees and the visitors at Paul Boyton's chutes, Coney Island, were startled yesterday afternoon by the unexpected explosion of a bomb, which was followed by a scream of pain from Henry B. Garrison, an employee, twenty-two years old, who lives at No. 47 East Fifty-second-st., New-York. It has been the custom to fire a bomb every afternoon at the starting of the show, and yesterday Garrison was the one assigned to arrange the bomb. For some unexplained cause the bomb exploded too soon, blowing off his right hand and throwing him heavily to the ground. The injured man was attended by Dr. Pierce and removed to the Norwegian Hospital.

A NIGHT PARADE DECIDED ON.

WHEELMEN HAVE A MEETING AND ELECT OFFICERS—THE WOODRUFF DEMONSTRATION.

Delegates from a number of the bicycling organizations of Brooklyn and its vicinity met last night at the rooms of the Logan Wheelmen, No. 26 Sixth-ave., in response to the invitation sent out by that club to take part in the arrangements for a monster bicycle parade in honor of Park Commissioner Timothy L. Woodruff on September 21. The attendance was not as large as was hoped, but this was explained by the fact that the notice was sent out only a few days ago, and most of the organizations had not had time to hold meetings and elect delegates. This was the reason given in a letter from the Metropolitan Association of Cycling Clubs. Those represented were the Brooklyn Club, Kings County Wheelmen, Pierce Cycle Club, Central Wheelmen, Tamqua Wheelmen of Jamaica, Carroll Park Wheelmen and Clinton Wheelmen.

W. Schiff was chairman and R. W. Dyke was secretary, and the temporary officers were made permanent. Mr. Schiff briefly recapitulated the objects of the meeting, and those present were found to be unanimous in favor of the demonstration.

The question was as whether it should take the form of a lantern parade or a day parade, which was decided in favor of a night parade, which one delegate remarked, would be a novelty in New-York.

Another meeting will be held on next Tuesday, at which it is hoped there will be a larger attendance.

MRS. HINKLER GETS ALIMONY.

Allimony at the rate of \$1 a week and \$5 counsel fees have been given by Justice Van Wyck of the Supreme Court to Mary Bridget Hinkler in the suit for separation which she has brought against her husband, Conrad Hinkler, a motorman on the Brooklyn Heights Railroad, earning \$1 a week.

The plaintiff says that she had four children, that her husband has ill-treated her since 1881; that he is frequently intoxicated, and that on December 15, 1886, he was convicted and fined for drunkenness.

He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for his conduct, and he was remanded to the custody of his wife, who has been a widow since 1881, and who has been married to another since 1882.

He was the sole support of his wife and his mother and invalid sister, who live in Tottenham Court Road, and this month, Hinkler had not been home in a week.

A TROLLEY COMPANY TO BE SUED.

Mary Jane Butler was yesterday appointed guardian ad litem of her five months old son, George Edward Butler, by Justice Van Wyck of the Supreme Court, in order that the child may bring an action for damages against the Brooklyn Heights Rail-Road Company for personal injuries. The action was filed on June 20, 1887. She says that her son was born on June 21 last, and that the accident which the trolley company caused to her son was not sufficient to warrant a suit.

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The body of Engineer Robert Bowsfield, of the shipbuilding company, was found yesterday morning near the East Central Docks, Atlantic Stores, where the vessel lies. Bowsfield disappeared last Saturday night, and a general alarm was sent out by Captain Thomas Little, who feared that he was attacked by a fainting spell when near the side of the vessel. The steamer plies between Liverpool and New-York.

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